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Murray Rd Housing Project

December 17th, 2010. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians are seeking LEED® certification for a 10 Unit, 2 building Multi-Family project, located in Bayshore Michigan. LEED for Homes is a green home certification system for assuring homes are designed and built to be energy- and resource-efficient and healthy for occupants. LEED certified homes complete a technically rigorous process that includes a home energy (HERS) rating and onsite inspections to verify that the home is built to be energy and water efficient, environmentally sound, and a healthier place to live. The net costs of owning a green home is comparable to that of owning a conventional home - and is sometimes even less. Green homes save money compared to a conventional home by:

- Using less energy - between 30% and 60% less in homes case studies
- Using less water - in case studies, as high as 50% less
- Using non-toxic building materials that lower exposure to mold and mildew, reducing healthcare costs
- Making owners eligible for advantageous home financing options with some lenders
- Lowering home insurance premiums



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Quote “As a LEED certified development, Mtigwaakiis serves as a model of greener living for the entire community,” said Dan Atsma, Vice President of Eagle/BCI Construction. “These homes are at the national forefront of quality; and their example can help us all to live better by reducing our environmental footprint, cutting our utility bills, and coming home to a healthier place to live.”

Specific information about the homes at Mtigwaakiis. Located less than six miles from the City of Petoskey, Michigan, Mtigwaakiis is within walking distance of excellent opportunities for outdoor recreation. The homes focus heavily on reducing energy use. The project, constructed of energy efficient Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF), features low-e windows, high efficiency lighting fixtures, compact fluorescent bulbs, water saving plumbing fixtures, and high density, recycled cellulose insulation. Other energy efficiency features include high efficiency air source heat pumps for heating, cooling and water heaters, energy recovery ventilators, programmable thermostats, as well as landscaping featuring rain gardens and native plantings.

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About USGBC

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Since USGBC's founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 20,000 member companies and organizations and a comprehensive suite of LEED® green building certification systems. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations all sharing the Council's commitment to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. For more information, please visit www.usgbc.org.

About LEED® for Homes

LEED® for Homes is a third-party certification system for building and designing high-performance green homes that are energy-and-resource-efficient and healthy for its occupants. Developed and administered by USGBC, LEED for Homes awards points to projects in eight categories of environmental performance: Innovation & Design Process, Location & Linkages, Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Indoor Environmental Quality, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, and Awareness & Education. To date, more than 2,200 homes have been LEED-certified, and over 14,600 are registered and under development. For more information, visit www.thegreenhomeguide.com.

About The Alliance for Environmental Sustainability

AES, headquartered in Grand Rapids, is a (501)(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission of providing sustainable building education to the general public and building industry. AES was founded in 2000 by a dedicated group of community members who saw the need to help our community create a sustainable city. We are the Midwest's premier LEED for Homes Provider. Operating in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and Kentucky

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